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### WOODSTOCK NEWS

Sunday's high temperature brought a violent windstorm that lifted the dust from the roads in blinding clouds and scattered it over the already whitened fields. There was much hope of needed rain in the morning, fierce looking black clouds promising a drenching that failed to materialize. The wind trimmed a few trees in the village, one in front of O. H. Freeman's house. Here a big limb fell across the electric wires, but they held up and no damage was done. The big elm in front of H. S. Dana's house also lost a branch.

The current issue of the Vermonter, published at White River Junction, is an "Art Number." Mrs. Charles H. Spooner, chairman of the art committee of the Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs, writes of well-known painters and sculptors of Vermont birth, and the efforts of the federation toward arousing interest in art and educational work are described in other articles. There are many excellent illustrations.

### Oldest Clerk in the Government Service.

The enclosed clipping from the New York Times July 10, I am sure will interest those of your readers who can remember Col. E. A. Kimball, the long ago editor of the Age: Washington, July 9.—Mrs. Helen L. McLean Kimball, a clerk in the office of the Controller of the Currency, said to be the oldest clerk of the United States Government, celebrated her 90th birthday today. She was at her desk and was occupied much of the time in receiving the congratulations of her friends.

Mrs. Kimball is the widow of Lieut. Col. E. A. Kimball of the famous New York Zouave Regiment, who was killed at Suffolk, Va., in 1863.

As boys, my old playmate, the late Norman Williams, Jr., and myself were favorites of the Colonel, and were allowed the freedom of the sanctum as well as the printing office and both were taught to set type. When Major Kimball returned from Mexico at the close of the war, we two boys on the arrival of the stage were among the first to welcome him. In after years it was a very great pleasure to have him for a frequent guest at the old Howard hotel, and I say him off when he left New York with his fine Zouave regiment for the seat of war in 1862.

Henry S. Mower.

### BASE BALL NOTES

Catcher Hayden of Woodstock's 1909 team, has been playing with the Granville, N. Y., independent team, but has now joined the Rutland club.

John Ryan, the star shortstop for the local team last year, is doing good work for the Bennington nine, playing in the field. He is hitting well and can still run a little.

Tom Leonard, captain of the Bennington team since the opening of the season, has asked for his release. He says that he can materially better himself by taking charge of the team in Keene, N. H., as captain.

Pitcher Pugsley, who had a lot to do with Woodstock's success last year, is now with the Bennington team.

### Changes Ordered at W. R. Junction

The public service commission sent out last week a report and order as the result of its public hearing in Hartford on June 7 and 8 in the case of the town of Hartford against the railroad in the matter of the union passenger station at White River Junction.

The Boston & Maine railroad and the Central Vermont railway company are ordered to increase and improve the platform appurtenant to their passenger station at White River Junction.

The Central Vermont Railway

company is hereby ordered to construct for pedestrians a subway 12 feet wide and eight feet high in the clear.

West of all the railroad tracks, north of the subway, and adjacent to its western entrance, the Central Vermont Railway company shall construct such a baggage house and platform as will be adequate to receive, deliver and care for baggage on that side of the tracks; and shall construct for an approach to such baggage house and platform a graveled driveway 30 feet wide. Fences are also ordered to be built to prevent the public from crossing the tracks at grade.

### The Scramble For the Band Wagon

The Brattleboro Reformer notes the scramble for the band wagon by the bitter opponents of Dr. Mead and ponders the situation entertainingly:

As to the attitude of those good editorial brethren who fought Dr. Mead with every weapon at their command and yet are now preaching the doctrine of party regularity we hardly know what to say. Previous to the convention the Montpelier Journal literally prespired with arguments against the fitness of the Rutland candidate. If we remember aright, it said in effect that the outcome of the convention would show whether or not money was still the all important factor in Vermont politics? And yet now it says that "small majorities are just as binding as those that are large," and "bids to the will of the majority." Does this mean that the Journal bows to the triumph of money in Vermont politics?

The St. Albans Messenger was another paper that said some pretty plain things about the methods in vogue previous to the convention after which it goes on record thus: "Members of the party will expect to ratify the choice at the polls not only as a manifestation of loyalty to the organization but because that is the way our American spirit of royal sport teaches us to smile when we win or lose." And we are to understand that the Messenger advocates smiling at a result that came about through methods such as it is protested against so strongly, simply for the sake of "loyalty to the organization?"

Unless we are very much mistaken the Bennington Banner, previous to the convention made use of arguments similar to those in the Journal and Messenger and yet it now admits "that there is every reason to expect from the circumstances of the case a good administration from Governor Mead."

### STATE LIBRARY NOTES

The prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00 for the best collections of newspaper clippings advertising the work and interests of any library in the state, are to be awarded at the annual meeting of the State Library association in the early summer of 1911. The time to begin making the collections is now. The committee has decided that no award will be made unless 10 librarians compete. For further details address the Publicity Committee of the State Library Association, Box 176, Proctorsville, Vt.

What will the libraries be doing next? We hear that in Pomfret—a place celebrated for the activity of its library in all lines of public service—the librarian got up the Fourth of July celebration, making of it an informal, happy gathering, and threw open the library grounds for lunch parties.

Pomfret welcomed all her children that day at the library. In Grange hall, across the road, there was a gathering of townspeople. It seems very fitting that the anniversary of the day of her independence should be celebrated in this way as an historical event and that the library, as it is usually the depository of such historical material and records as the town possesses, should be the center of such a gathering.

July 19—Annual state encampment of United Spanish War Veterans at Rutland.

### Rutland Bars Pictures

Mayor Henry O. Carpenter will not allow the presentation of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures in Rutland should any of the three motion picture establishments wish to present them.

He said, when told that an attempt would be made to show them there: "When so many of the larger cities, which overlook lots of things which we would not tolerate in Rutland, bar the pictures, we could hardly afford to show them."

### Not Wanted in Springfield

J. O. Perkins of the board of trustees stated Saturday that if the matter was brought to local authorities, he would do all in his power to prevent the pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight being shown in this town. While Mr. Perkins said that he did not believe any harm could come from race animosity as there are only about half a dozen negroes, yet he thought that the influence of the presentation upon the little children which attended the moving picture show here would be harmful.

A resolution looking toward the suppression of the pictures will be presented before the next meeting of the Christian Endeavor society to be held in the Congregational church vestry Sunday evening.

### Soldier Accidentally Shot

Private Baker of Troop M lies at the point of death at the hospital at Fort Ethan Allen, having been accidentally shot by Private Jackson of the same troop with a revolver.

Private Jackson took the revolver out of a rack, supposing that it was his own. Knowing that his own gun was not loaded he snapped the trigger a few times while preparing to clean it. The revolver was discharged, the bullet hitting Baker, who was about 40 feet away, in the right side, traveling around his body and lodging on the back bone. Baker is paralyzed in the lower portion of his body. The post surgeon, Major Wilson, operated upon him Thursday afternoon.

Jackson is in confinement, awaiting the result of a board of investigation.

### Two Vermont Suicides

Antonio Pedrose, 21 years old of Barre, who had been despondent for a long time over fear that he would become totally blind, shot himself with a 32 calibre revolver, his dead body being found Sunday morning by children near a spring. The young man had 100 dollars in his pocket.

Gustavus Gould, 68 years old, a farmer at Whitesville, was found dead, hanging by a rope in a horse-barn Sunday evening. He had been missing since morning. No cause is known. He leaves a wife and five children.

### West Hartford Bridge

The board of selectmen of Hartford accompanied by John W. Storrs, a well-known engineer and bridge expert of Concord, N. H., recently inspected the White river bridge in West Hartford which has been considered by some as not as safe and secure as it should be. The opinion of Mr. Storrs respecting the bridge was that it requires repairing and that at once. This the selectmen have decided to do as soon as practicable, and the best manner of its repairing agreed upon.

### Pharmacists Elect Officers

The Vermont Pharmaceutical association in session at Lake Bomoseen, elected officers as follows: President, W. B. Eastman, Bennington; vice-presidents, Miss Agnes Quinlan, Bennington, Mrs. A. L. Cheney, St. Johnsbury, Miss Elizabeth Gregg, Bennington; secretary, W. E. Terrell; treasurer, J. M. Taylor, Bradford.

The Traveling Men's auxiliary to the association elected the following officers: President, C. L. Flint, Burlington; vice-president, C. G. Maynard; secretary and treasurer, W. L. Wool.

July 20-21—Annual meeting Vermont State League of Postmasters at Montpelier.

### G. A. R. Staff Appointed

Department Commander E. J. Foster of the department of Vermont, G. A. R. has announced the appointment of his staff as follows:

Judge advocate, E. H. Powell of Burlington.

Department inspector, H. M. Pierce of Montpelier.

Patriotic instructor, Richard Smith of West Enosburg.

Senior aide-de-camp and chief of staff, John R. Wheeler of Worcester.

Musician, W. W. Munsell of Highgate.

Drum-major, C. T. S. Pierce of Vergennes.

Color-bearer, George W. Kidder, of Montpelier.

Standard-bearer, Paul LaCase of Montpelier.

Department Commander Foster was elected at the recent G. A. R. session held with Brooks post in Montpelier.

### Grand Trunk Will Keep the C. V. R. R.

It is said emphatically by Vice-President Fitzhugh, of the Grand Trunk, that that road intends to continue its control of the Central Vermont and the New London & Northern railroads through the New England states. The question was brought up over a vote of \$15,000 by Brattleboro for the abolition of grade crossings on the Central Vermont there and the building of a new station.

The proposition was opposed by the New Haven, and counsel for that road appeared before the city council and intimated that it was quite possible that the New Haven road might acquire control of the Central Vermont in which case other plans might be submitted. This idea was opposed by counsel for the Grand Trunk, and was unanimously passed.

Asked as to the proposition sprung by the New Haven counsel, Vice-President Fitzhugh of the Grand Trunk said that there was no possibility of the New Haven securing control of the Central Vermont. The Grand Trunk, he said, intended to continue its present control of both the Central Vermont and New London and Northern railroads, in order to preserve its through route to New York and the New England territories.

### New Aeroplane Record

Walter Brookins, in a Wright bi-plane, broke the world's altitude record at Atlantic City Saturday evening, when he attained a height of 6,175 feet. He used his last drop of gasoline at his highest altitude, and was still climbing when his engine missed explosions. The daring aviator brought his machine to level to get the last drop of fuel out of the storage tank to reach the line of vision of engineers on the beach. Reaching the imaginary line, Brookins started to glide to earth, and his engine stopped entirely when he was at 5,000 feet, and still over the ocean. His circling glide to the beach which the crowd believed to be a bit of fancy flying, was done to save himself from diving into the sea.

Brookins was ready to collapse when he reached the ground, and did not tell of his plight in the air until midnight, after he had partly recovered.

Officials at midnight gave 6,175 feet as the exact height of the flight from calculations of engineering experts. The barograph record is 6200 feet, calculations of engineering experts leaving but 25 feet difference. It is expected that the record will stand without protest.

### Day of Rest at Roosevelt's Home

Sunday calm hung over Sagamore Hill all day Sunday and Theodore Roosevelt enjoyed it. He went to church in the morning and spent the rest of the day reading, lounging on the veranda and walking through the woods of his estate. No visitors are expected at Sagamore Hill.

July 31-Aug 28—Annual camp meeting of Queen City Park Spiritualist Association at Queen City park.

### The Crop Growth

The crop growth of the United States July 1 was lower than at any time during the past ten years, according to the crop report of the department of agriculture, issued July 9.

In the New England states conditions are 3.5 per cent better than a year ago and 4.1 per cent above the average.

The general average condition of the crop growth in the entire country was lower by 5.5 per cent than a year ago, and 3.4 per cent lower than the ten year average.

### Woman Wants to be Governor

A Concord, N. H., attorney acting for Mrs. Marilliam Ricker of Dover, presented to the secretary of state today her declaration of candidacy for the republican gubernatorial nomination at the district primary in September, accompanied by the fee of \$100, as required by law.

The secretary received the application and the fee pending the opinion of the attorney general as to the right of a woman to become a candidate.

### HIS ONLY TROUBLE

The Inquisitive Man Persisted and Finally Learned the Secret.

A small, quiet, but sorrowful if not disgusted looking man sat by the side of a medium sized automobile that was drawn out of the road as a large touring car came along, driven by a man with an interrogatory aspect. The man in the touring car had seen that auto every time he passed that day, so he slowed up and leaned over.

"How long have you been here?"

"Several hours."

"Can't you find out what the matter is?"

"No."

"Inject valve all right?"

"Yes."

"Trouble with spark plug?"

"Think not."

"How are your batteries?"

"O. K."

"Haven't got a short circuit, have you?"

"Oh, no!"

"How's your commutator?"

"Great."

"Perhaps your worm gear is clogged."

"No; all clear."

"Got any gasoline in your tank?"

"Plenty."

"How about your circulation? Cylinder isn't bound, is it?"

"No, sir."

"Tires seem all right?"

"Never better."

"Well, maybe your vibrator isn't adjusted."

"That's all right."

"Have you looked at your carburetor?"

"Yes."

"How about the cam shaft?"

"Grand."

"Have you tightened your connecting rods, examined your clutches and gone over the differentials?"

"Yes, yes!"

The man in the touring car paused a moment and then, looking at the stranger by the roadside, said at last, "What's the matter with that machine of yours?"

"There isn't anything the matter with this machine, but since noon my wife has been in that house over there kissing her sister's first baby goodby. When she gets through, if you are not more than a thousand miles away and will leave your address, I will telegraph or cable you the glad news."—New York Press.

### A Curious Pavement.

Before the Mexican war, when Alta California still formed part of Mexico, Monterey was its capital city, and for a long period Monterey bay afforded fishing ground for a considerable number of whalers. But, while the bay still provides sport and profit for many fishermen, it is no longer the habitat of any great number of whales. A curious memento of the whaling industry remains, however, in the pavement leading up to one of the doors of the Church of San Carlos de Borromeo, a church founded by the Spanish missionary fathers, that is still in excellent repair.

The round, mushroom-like objects in the pavement are the vertebrae of the great mammals. This pavement is in good condition and seems to wear well. It is probably unique, at any rate in this country. —New York Press.

A Chicago woman has made a collection of cartoons in which Uncle Sam is the central figure. She has been at it for some years and now has over 27,000.

### SHE SHUT HER EYES.

True to Her Principles, She Determined Not to See.

Mrs. Storey's life had been haunted by years by the fear that some day she might be called upon to serve as a witness in court. Her grandmother was a witness once, and when Mrs. Storey was a little girl she used to hear all about it. Grandma, it appears, had been so scared she couldn't tell the judge her own name.

"And," said Mrs. Storey to her husband, "if there is anything more disgraceful than to be unable to tell your own name I'd like to know what it is."

In order to reduce the possibility of such a calamity to a minimum Mrs. Storey would walk on with deafened ears and averted head whenever she happened to be near a fire, a fight or the scene of an accident. Only the other day she had occasion to shut her eyes and ears to the seething crowd around her. She was waiting in the Grand Central station for Mr. Storey, who had gone around to the baggage room to check a trunk.

Presently she became aware that something exciting was happening close beside her. Hastily she shut her eyes and stuck her fingers into her ears, but before those protective measures could be accomplished she learned that a female thief had snatched a hand bag which she had found lying on the floor and was being pursued by an excited crowd. Not being entirely devoid of the curiosity of her sex, Mrs. Storey would have liked to know more, but the old fear of being detained as a witness held her inert until her husband's return. Then she ventured to ask if they had caught the thief.

"Yes," said Mr. Storey, "but they couldn't do anything with her. Every one was confident the bag didn't belong to her, but as no body appeared to claim it they had to let her go."

At that Mrs. Storey opened her eyes.

"I am so glad," she said, "that it is all over. I am ready to go now. But, oh, dear me! Where are my purse and hand bag? I had them here a moment ago. They must have dropped—oh, I wonder!"

"No use to wonder now," said Mr. Storey heartlessly. "Of course the stolen bag was yours."—New York Herald.

### The Main Point.

"The successful farmer loves his work," said the secretary of agriculture. "Every detail of it interests him. Thus Squire Plowlands proved himself a poor theologian, but a grand farmer, when he met one Sunday morning his tenant Hodge."

"Where have you been, Hodge?" said the squire.

"I've been to church, sir," Hodge replied.

"What was the sermon about, Hodge?"

"It was something about Joseph going down to Egypt to buy corn, squire."

"The squire brightened."

"Did the parson say what corn is worth down there?" he asked.

### About Egypt.

The total area of Egypt proper is about 480,000 square miles, of which, however, only some 14,000 square miles are arable. The population exceeds 10,000,000, the density of the settled part thus surpassing that of any other land on earth, Belgium not excepted. The superiority of Egypt as an agricultural country is owing to the equable climate, the possibility of carrying on farming all the year round, a constant supply of water and as a consequence of the Nile overflow a natural and perpetual richness of the soil, which does away with the great cost of fertilization.—New York American.

### A Vicarious Remedy.

A man went into a druggist's and asked for something to cure a headache. The druggist held a bottle of hartshorn to his nose, and he was nearly overpowered by its pungency.

As soon as he recovered he began to rail at the druggist and threatened to punch his head.

"But didn't it ease your headache?" asked the apothecary.

"Ease my headache!" gasped the man. "I haven't got any headache. It's my wife that's got the headache."

### A Stork's Nest.

An old stork's nest built on the roof of the Cathedral of Colmar, in northern France, became dislodged and threatened to fall into the street. It measured five feet across, and it was four feet high. It weighed 1,500 pounds and was such a compact mass that to destroy it picks had to be used. In the nest were found seventeen stockings, five fur caps, the sleeve of a silk blouse, a large piece of leather and four metal buttons.

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